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11. (SBU) Charge delivered reftel points February 18 to Dr. Nyo Nyo Kyaing, Director of the International Health Division of the Ministry of Health. Charge had sought to speak directly to the Health Minister, but he has been unavailable.

Charge explained to Nyo Nyo Kyaing that the USG did not place a hold on Burma's GAVI application, and we generally support humanitarian health projects in Burma. He clarified that GAVI never applied for an OFAC license, and that the GAVI letter to the Ministry describing the USG's supposed initial response to its GAVI proposal was inaccurate.

12. (SBU) Dr. Nyo Nyo Kyaing thanked the Charge for the good news, noting the Minister of Health had been very disappointed by the GAVI letter's message of a U.S. hold. She said the Minister appreciates the USG's assistance on public health and hopes it will lead to future cooperation. She also expressed appreciation for the U.S. position on the Global Fund.

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